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U.S. Patent Documents

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	1.	US 6,633,831	Oct. 14, 2003	Nikoonahad et al.	702	155	
	2.	US 5,793,480	Aug. 11, 1998	Lacey et al.	356	73	

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